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Alabama is dry until July, and in the meantime Governor O'Neal has set out to do what Governor Comer could not, namely see that the present law is enforced until the new one is effective.

It was reported last week that Carrie Nation had died, but she resents the publication of such stories stating that she will be back in fighting condition by Summer—We can hear the saloon men sighing.

Cotton planters of the South are protesting because the bagging trust is planning an additional levy of two million dollars against them, and the growers do not feel that they should be made to pay the exorbitant prices asked.

Up in Chicago a candidate for mayor must promise to ignore certain laws before he dares to think of making a race—It isn't what laws he will see enforced, but what violations he will condone, which makes the Chicago platform.

While the citizens as a whole took hold of the clean-up-week idea, the town officials were somewhat lax and the piles of dirt which had accumulated on the streets were allowed to be scattered by the wind before any effort was made to get same off the streets.

The story of the births and deaths of Tennessee as told by statistics filed with the State board of health teaches a lesson of the ravages of consumption as it is shown that in a total of 21,940 deaths, that 3,392 of these were due to the "White Plague."

Editor Mooney of the Commercial Appeal hands Governor Hooper a boost about every other day—It looks suspicious and we would not be surprised to see the Commercial Appeal spring something at an early date, for 'tis not like them to praise a republican for anything.

A Buffalo minister advertised that he would preach on a "family scandal," and his church was crowded to the overflowing and then he calmly recited the tale of Adam and Eve and his congregation went away feeling that they had been taken in, and that badly.

Mayor Tom L. Johnson who loved a political fight as no other man has in Ohio, fought gamely for his life, never giving up until the end, but he was easy prey to the disease which had settled in his system and this disease had been given assistance because of worry over political failures.

Out of pity for the eleven children who were suffering at home, President Taft has given A. J. Keeton, of Ethridge, Tennessee, this liberty. He was convicted of moonshining and when the president heard of the condition of his family he sent him home to look after them.

Woodrow Wilson manages to keep his name in the papers, and this boom for the Democratic presidential nomination is progressing steadily. The New Jersey man has passed Governor Harmon at this stage and it will be up to the Ohio crowd to be on the move or else draw out of the running with their candidate.

According to statistics given out by the State health department the death rate in Cocke county is 10.87 per cent. Hancock, of the counties in East Tennessee has the largest death rate the figures showing 18.09 per cent. Marion county with 4.62 has the least death rate. Cocke county has 211 deaths and 650 birth during the year of 1910, for which period the statistics cover.

Mexican federalists had a narrow escape even after Gen. Stanley William and his little band had been annihilated, as it developed that the stores which Williams had with his command were poisoned and that the American who had gone forth with such courage had counted the risk and saw that he had little chance of victory and that he intended to make the Federalists pay dearly for that victory by feeding them poisoned flour.

Governor Hooper has not been hurt by the stirring times at Nashville and in fact the troubles will rebound to his benefit in the long run. There are no signs of compromise between the warring Democratic factions and the new turmoil will last for some time to come and the more disturbance in Democratic ranks the more certain is Hooper to be re-elected governor.

To listen to the talk of the regulars and the men who have affiliated with them, the Fusion forces who last week skipped the state and hid themselves to Alabama are cowards and are afraid to face the music. When the legislature organized it was the regulars who were styled cowards, etc., for not coming into the halls of the legislative chambers and getting down to work, and two years ago it was thirteen Regular Democrats who skipped the country and went to Kentucky. The question which the people of the state will consider is whether the Fusionists are justified in the step they have taken. The regulars who fled to Hopkinsville, Ky. two years ago came in for much censure, but the Fusion forces seem to be commended for the stand they have taken. They are merely fighting the devil with his own weapons.

### WITH OUR EXCHANGES

#### HOOK ATTACKS HOOPER

The attack made upon Governor Hooper by Senator Hook, in a speech made by him Thursday, was not needed to show his unfriendliness to the governor. It has been common talk ever since the election last November, if not before, that the senator was not friendly to the governor.

It is not expected that the attack made by the senator from Knox county, will detract from the popularity of the governor in the county.

Governor Hooper was voted for and elected on the same day that Senator Hook was voted for and elected.

The vote cast for Governor Hooper in the county was 6,579, against 4,072, for Senator Taylor, the most popular regular Democrat in the State.

The vote given Senator Hook in the county was 4,900, while that of Sam Cooper was 4,805.

It may be remarked that many Democrats cast their votes for Hooper, and some Republicans voted for Taylor. A good many Republicans cast their votes for Sam Cooper, an anti-machine Democrat, and a good many democrats, of the "regular" variety, cast their votes for Senator Hook.

While 6,579 men in the county voted for Hooper, we have not heard a single one of them, Republican or Democrat, criticize the official acts of the governor.

While the vote of Senator Hook fell behind that of Hooper 1,679, we have heard of men who voted for the senator saying they made a mistake.—Knoxville Journal and Tribune.

Railroads carry postal clerks "dead-head," and thus free transportation to Uncle Sam's servants is figured by the carriers to be worth a million dollars a year. The roads are subject to damages for injuries received on trains by the postal clerks.

## News Events of The World

Platinum imports of this country doubled in 1909.

A man generally reaches his heaviest weight at forty years.

Man's kinship with the ape has been proved by a blood test.

Gout and rheumatism are said to yield to radium treatment.

Coffee is away up everywhere. Increased nearly 60 per cent.

Java's new coffee crop is estimated at over four million pounds.

A horse-drawn vehicle arouses the wonder of the natives of Thibet.

For every ton of gold in circulation there are fifteen tons of silver.

The British Museum contains 2,700 complete Bibles in all languages.

The 206 bones of the human body are worked by 522 voluntary muscles.

Last year 13,800 dogs were put to death by the Chicago pondmaster.

A Russian wedding feast sometimes covers a period of three days.

London uses fifty thousand tons of sugar annually for jam making.

A spreading oak sixty feet high will contain about six million leaves.

A large Homberg restaurant is housed in a building of compressed paper.

Dyed furs retain their color longer than skins which have not been dyed.

A book dated 1795 contains a description and illustration of a fountain pen.

The cultivation of cotton in Siam is being encouraged by the government.

The natives of New Guinea have been found living as if in the stone age.

The total traffic on Canadian canals in 1910 amounted to over 42,500,000 tons.

Both Austria and Germany are improving their steamship services to China.

Tribes inhabiting barren lands of vast distances are said to have the best sight.

There are in Chicago not fewer than 61,784 owners of dogs who pay the annual license tax.

In northern waters millions of fish are ground into nothing by the moving masses of ice.

The population of Sain has increased in the last forty-five years by only three million.

Peat constitute about one-third of the fuel used in the central industrial districts of Russia.

The value of the Canadian fisheries in the fiscal year ending March 31, 1910, was \$29,629,169.

The people of Great Britain consume less tobacco a head than any other civilized people of the world.

Four whaling vessels, which are being fitted out at Cape town, will give South Africa a new industry.

When you go shopping in Burmah it is difficult to get the proprietor of the establishment to show his goods.

Milan will have by the end of this month a new pneumatic postal tube system about twenty thousand feet long.

Gray horses are the longest lived. Creams are usually delicate and are seriously affected by very warm weather.

The Baltic sea has the greatest wreck record of any body of water in the world. It averages one a day all the year around.

The Maoris of northern New Zealand are very progressive people, well liked by the foreigners who come in contact with them.

The United States has the bulk of the world's copper production, 498,000 tons, an increase of about 16 per cent over the output in 1908.

Japan is increasing its imports of Australian wool and frozen meats. The people are rapidly adopting Western clothing and a meat diet.

Electrical culinary utensils are generally odorless, being made on the vacuum principle, by which the vapors are retained inside the receptacle.

Japanese banking facilities in China are good now, but are to be made larger and still better. In anticipation the older banking interests are doubling their capital and embarking in new banking lines.

Death of 610 persons by street car accidents in fourteen cities of the United States is reported for the year 1910, and the list is not complete.

Under a reciprocity agreement Prince Edward Island expects to become a large exporter of agricultural and animal products to the United States.

The world's production of tobacco for the year 1909 is given as 1,861,414,084 pounds, while the consumption for the fiscal year was 1,883,399,548 pounds.

Twelve parts tin, two parts zinc, one part aluminum and 1 percent chloride of sodium make an alloy with which the aluminum can be soldered easily.

Low-cut dress necks are a good thing, according to Dr. Caluse L. Wheeler of New York, "since anything that exposes the skin is good for the general health."

Nickel mining is quite active in New Caledonia. European firms are investing largely in it and other mining. Some fair gold discoveries have been made recently.

"Xaymaca," a combination of two words signifying water and wood—from which the name Jamaica is derived—describes exactly the characteristics of the land.

Dr. Clara Ferguson has been appointed a member of the consulting staff of the Cook county hospital, Chicago, the first woman to be appointed to such a position.

The Malay States and Sumatra are being rapidly developed commercially, reports the Commercial Agent in Singapore of the Department of Agriculture of the State of Victoria, Australia.

In a talk before a circle of mothers, Mrs. Nan Deneen of the Milwaukee Children's Hospital, urged mothers not to shake their babies. "Let 'em cry," she said. "It does 'em good."

Scotland has a superannuation act which provides pensions for its school teachers. The maximum benefit is to be half the average annual salary for the last five years.

Potash enters into the making of glass, soap, bleaches, dyes, photographic chemicals, medicine, explosive, fertilizer and is used in gold mining and many other industrial processes.

There are two Indian representatives in the Maine Legislature, who represent the Indians of that state. They are assigned seats in the rear of the chamber, but have no vote in the proceedings.

An interesting and somewhat curious fact is that some of the tall men of genius have had moderate sized heads. Shelly the poet, was tall, but had a

small head, and some of the small men imbued with the divine spark had large heads, apparently proving that the size of the head has little to do with the quality of the brains.

A novel electrical stove for use on dining tables is provided with a drawer beneath the heating coils so that toast can be made at the same time something else is being cooked on top of the stove.

"The attempt to commit suicide is not a punishable offense under the German criminal code. But of course," says a London exchange, "if you succeed you must be prepared to take the consequences."

In the last nine months of 1910 India's imports amounted to \$393,553,633, and her exports to \$499,930,295, in creases of \$22,000,000 and \$74,000,000. Customs receipts were \$25,000,000, a gain of nearly \$6,000,000.

M. Leford, President of the Academy of Dancing Masters, is one of those who believe in the future of the harem skirt, and he has taken it for the inspiration of a dance which is called "Fa Cherouile," the name of the puffed trousers worn by women of the East.—Indianapolis News.

More than half the Fuller's earth produced in the United States in 1910 was mined in Florida. But of the total consumption for the year one fourth of the Fuller's earth was imported. The value of the total domestic product was \$301,604, while \$101,150 worth was brought into the country.

Jewish nurserymen in Palestine are developing marked skill in grafting. Orange culture has now spread from the coast into Samaria. But the olive forestry is most promising. By 1912 the Jewish people will own, according to an authority in Palestine, some sixty thousand olive and fruit trees.

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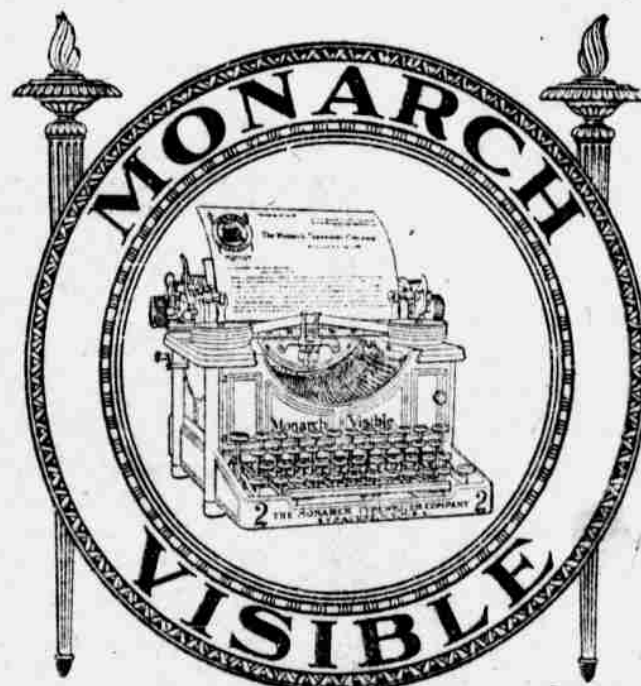
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